

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6549

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 12452

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PDIP, LA, US, TH

SUBJECT: RTG LACK OF POTENTIAL AS PROTECTING POWER FOR U.S.  
INTERESTS IN LAOS

REF: A. VIENTIANE 4527: B. PARIS 16555

1. WE CONCUR IN REF A'S OBSERVATIONS THAT THAILAND WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE AS A PROTECTING POWER FOR U.S. INTERESTS IN LAOS. QUITE ASIDE FROM THE INADEQUACIES OF THE THAI EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE RTG WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT SUCH A RESPONSIBILITY IN LIGHT OF ITS OWN OPENING TO THE EAST. EVEN SHOULD THE RTG ACCEPT, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD BE EVEN MORE RELUCTANT TO CARRY OUT ITS PROTECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES, AND THE WHOLE ARRANGEMENT COULD PROVE EXASPERATING AND UNSATISFACTORY.

2. SUBJECT TO TOKYO'S CONCURRENCE, WE WOULD AGREE WITH VIENTIANE AND PARIS (REFTELS) THAT JAPAN IS THE RIGHT CANDIDATE.

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